

Assembly Resolution No. 601

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**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2022, as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women, combined, in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** It is estimated that in the year 2022, over 151,030 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** In the year 2022, the disease is expected to kill an estimated 52,580 individuals in this country; and

**WHEREAS,** An estimated 8,950 men and women in the State of New York will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the year 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** In November of 1999, the United States Senate passed legislation declaring March 2000 as the first-ever National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS,** The Colon Cancer Alliance, Inc. (CCA) will continue working with Congress for coverage, education, and awareness so that colorectal cancer is detected early and lives are saved; and

**WHEREAS,** Screening for colorectal cancer is underutilized; less than 50 percent of individuals above age 50 receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Regular screenings, which can detect polyps that lead to colorectal cancer, can save lives; and

**WHEREAS,** Education can help inform the public about methods of prevention, and about symptoms, to aid in early detection; and

**WHEREAS,** Adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New York should help inform the public about colorectal cancer prevention and screening; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim March 2022, as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the State of New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; and The Colon Cancer Alliance, Inc.